



How To Purchase Grass Seed

COOL SEASON GRASSES

Typical cool season grass species used in critical area plantings in New Hampshire include red fescue, tall fescue, hard fescue, smooth broomgrass, redtop, and reed canarygrass.

Always use varieties recommended by local Soil Conservation Service representatives when seeding critical areas. A variety is recognizable by an added word or words in its name such as Kentucky 31 tall fescue, Dura hard fescue, etc.

Purchase these seed by the pound from reliable seed sources. Agway and Blue Seal are local examples of seed sources.

Purchase during the year of application because seed loses its germination when stored over winter.

WARM SEASON GRASSES

Typical warm season grass species used in New Hampshire include switchgrass, big bluestem, sand bluestem, little bluestem, and sand lovegrass.

As with cool season grasses always use currently recommended varieties by the Soil Conservation Service. Examples of variety names include Pathfinder switchgrass, Niagra big bluestem, NE-27 sand lovegrass, and Aldous little bluestem.

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Warm season grasses are purchased differently than cool season grasses.

- (1) Usually purchased through the mail.
 - (2) Purchase on a pure live seed (PLS) basis. (When you order 10 pounds of PLS seed, you will receive more than 10 pounds of material. The material you receive will include 10 pounds of live seed plus chaff or bits of plants, and dead seed. On the other hand, if you order 10 pounds of Aldous little bluestem, for example, you will receive 10 pounds of total material that includes less than 10 pounds of live seed).
 - (3) Order certified seed where available because it is the only way of being certain of obtaining the ordered varieties.
 - (4) Contact your local Soil Conservation Service Office for a list of venders.
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